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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER

Approximately 5,837,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during November at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 5,992,000 pounds of arrivals in October, and 5,248,000 pounds in November 1939. Receipts for the first eleven months of 1940 now amount to 53,519,000 pounds--a 22 percent increase over the same period in 1939 when the receipts totaled 44,063,000 pounds.

During November, 83 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 26 States, Alaska, and 6 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,195,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,213,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 1,429,000 pounds were shellfish--including frog legs, terrapin and turtle meat.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,509,000 pounds of the total November receipts; 1,329,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond).

Imports were greatest from British Columbia which sent in 547,000 pounds, mostly halibut. Of this total, 512,000 pounds were shipped in bond. Next largest import--416,000 pounds--came from the Province of Ontario.

Most abundant fresh-water species received at the Chicago Market during November were lake herring (778,000 pounds); lake trout (724,000 pounds); whitefish (328,000 pounds); and yellow perch (215,000 pounds).

Predominant salt-water items were frozen halibut (472,000 pounds); frozen silver salmon (152,000 pounds); and frozen rosefish fillets (150,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish sent to this market included 900,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 231,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 188,000 pounds of shell oysters; 36,000 pounds of hard clams; 32,000 pounds of lobsters; and 21,000 pounds of sea scallops.

Wisconsin (1,060,000 pounds); Louisiana (590,000 pounds); Michigan (528,000 pounds); and Massachusetts (442,000 pounds), were the leading States supplying the Chicago Market with fishery products.

A total of 2,459,000 pounds came into Chicago by truck; 2,271,000 pounds by freight; and the remainder, 1,107,000 pounds, by express.